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## MATTER OF GOOD ROADS IS NATIONAL IN SCOPE

### New York now Spending Five Million a Year for Roads

### Otero County not Spending That Much but is Deeply Interested

Washington, April 1.—That the nation-wide movement for improvement of the public roads involves a large undertaking is indicated by information just made public by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Secretary Wilson shows that 300,000 miles of road must be improved before the public road system can be considered really efficient.

It is only within recent years that the movement for better roads has gained force. The consequences of delay are shown in the fact that there are now but 190,476 miles of improved roads in this country. These improved roads constitute 8.66 per cent of the total mileage of all public roads, improved and unimproved. It is figured that the percentage will have to be increased to 20 before traffic can be moved throughout the country with the minimum of wear and tear on horses, wagons, and automobiles.

The French system of roads, long considered the best in the world, was bonded by Napoleon III for six million dollars, and something in the neighborhood of \$612,775,000 has already been spent on that system. In this country, owing to the great dis-

tinuances, it is probable that close to \$2,000,000,000 will have to be spent before a proper road system is developed.

While the amount necessary to perfect a great road system seems fabulously large, it does not seem so large when it is divided among the various states and spread over a period of five, ten, or fifteen years. When it is considered that New York state has bonded itself for \$50,000,000, and that \$5,000,000 a year is now being expended by that state, it will be seen that a nation-wide system might soon be perfected were all states to progress as rapidly.

New York heads the list of states which have made the greatest progress in road building between 1904 and 1909. That state has built 6,911 miles of new road in that period. Georgia is second, and has built 4,344 miles of road in the five years. The gain in Georgia is largely attributed to the use of 4,500 prisoners on the public roads of the state. South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida have also made great gains by building sand-clay roads, and this is a very cheap and satisfactory type of road building.

## CHILDREN HAVE ORGANIZED TEMPERANCE LEAGION

Twenty-five Band Together in Movement

### PERMANENT ORGANIZATION MADE

Temperance and Citizenship to be Studied

Song by the school...Hymnal 171  
Scripture reading and prayer...The Pastor  
Song by the school

"He Lives Today"  
"The Little Gardeners"

Primary Class  
Recitation...Josephine Burns  
Song, "The Lord Arose,"

Classes 5 and 7  
Recitation...Irvin Menger  
Recitation...Three Girls

Recitation...Pearl Kellogg  
Song by the school

"Follow the Victor King"  
Offering

Recitation...Edna Harry  
Solo...Katherine Milton

"The Singing Time"...Class 3  
Recitation...Howard Arnold

Song, "Lily Bells"  
Primary Class

Recitation...Esther Chamberlain  
Recitation...Louise Jones

Song...The Choir  
Recitation...Freddie Apet

Recitation...Walter Knowles  
Recitation...Dan Coffman

"Glad Easter Bells"...Six Girls  
Closing Song

"Jesus Reigns Our King"

Shakspeare Club

Mrs. Riddle was hostess to the Shakspeare Club on Friday afternoon. Nearly all the members were present, and enjoyed a well-planned "Kipling" programme.

The paper for the afternoon was by Mrs. Sherry, who presented some unfamiliar phases, as well as the most generally known events, in the life of Rudyard Kipling. Quoting from Richard Le Gallienne, she portrayed an idealist's views of one of the roughest, tho most lyric, of realists. Following the paper, readings were given by Mrs. Waldschmidt, Mrs. Yale, Miss Jonnie Murphy, Miss Pinaire, Miss Bailey, and Miss Peregrine.

The next meeting will be on April twelfth, at two-thirty, with Miss Pinaire as hostess.

### School Election Results

The election held Monday for the purpose of choosing a school director for the three year term developed about as much interest and excitement as in any general election. The total of votes polled was four hundred forty, which is about six times the number polled in the average election of school director.

The following was the result of the voting: J. L. Lawson 295, Mrs. Clara Combs 51, Mrs. Helen Sherry 51, Albert F. Menger 43.

### Christian Church has Selected New Pastor

Rev. J. A. W. Brown, of Kansas, recently elected to the pastorate of the Christian church, will conduct the services at the Christian church Sunday, both morning and evening. Commencing with Sunday, services will be held regularly at that church, Sunday morning and evening.

## EASTER TO BE OBSERVED AT GRACE METHODIST

Easter Sunday Morning at Eleven O'clock

### SERVICE WILL BE INTERESTING

Following is Program Which Will Be Rendered

At Grace Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, about twenty-five children met to organize a society to be known as the Alamogordo Loyal Temperance Legion.

The Legion is to be under the direction of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and its object is the studying of the principles of temperance and good citizenship. All boys and girls of the town, Protestant and Catholic, American and Spanish-American are cordially welcome.

Twenty-two names were enrolled, and with Mrs. Armstrong as superintendent and Dr. Hullett, temporary secretary, the organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

President...Albert Givan

Vice-President...Clara Ball

Secretary...Carol Fetzer

Treasurer...Laura Pace

Organist...Martha Edgington

Chorister...Opal Tipton

Ass't Chorister...Margaret Burns

The next meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, April 14, at two o'clock, at a place to be announced later. All children are invited. Come.

### Unique Masonic Ceremony

Washington, April 1.—For the first time in 2,000 years, the ceremony of laying the Keystone of an arch will be performed by California Masons at San Diego this April, when 10,000 gorgeously attired masons will be present to take part in the ceremonies. The keystone will be placed in the memorial arch of the Panama-California International Exposition at the Laurel street Entrance of the Exposition Grounds. The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will be in session at San Diego at that time and will place the Keystone, assisted by the grand commandery, Knights Templar. Extensive preparations are being made in San Diego to entertain visitors on this occasion.

### State Capital Will Have More Politics

The senatorial fight which it is thought had been settled, will at once reopen with fury as Senator A. B. Fall today drew the shortest term, the one that expires in eleven months. The hat of W. H. Andrews is already in the ring; the derby of Mills will follow and the fedora of Felix Martinez is expected poco pronto. There are merry times ahead politically for the present legislature.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

### Debut Party

Miss Ella Jackson has issued invitations to a dancing party which will be given at the Elks' Home, El Paso, on the evening of Friday, April twelfth. Several of the Alamogordo dancing crowd have been favored with invitations and are making preparations to attend.

## SOUTHWESTERN'S NEW EXTENSION HELPS ALAMOGORDO INDUSTRY

### Line From Fairbank to Tucson to Use 250,000 Ties

### Alamogordo Plant Treats Ties for all the Southwestern System

The extension of the El Paso and Southwestern line from Fairbank to Tucson will benefit the whole southwest. It is generally hoped that the link between Fairbank and Tucson eventually will form a part of a new transcontinental line. But, regardless of any future part this new link may play in connecting up another transcontinental route, it will help Alamogordo, directly and substantially. Its work in helping Alamogordo is not in the future, but has been commenced and will remain in progress for some months.

The statement that the building of the new link will benefit Alamogordo is not based upon a far-fetched conclusion, as will be understood when the statement is explained. The building and the maintenance of rail-

roads require the use of ties, and Alamogordo has the plant which treats ties for the entire El Paso and Southwestern System.

It is estimated that a quarter of a million ties will be used in the construction of this extension. Of this number, 50,000 ties are now unloaded and stacked at the treating plant ready for treatment. An order for an additional 100,000 will be filled from some point or points within the state. An order for 25,000, recently placed with Culberson's mill in Cox canon, probably will be used on the extension.

The capacity of the treating plant is 2,000 ties a day. Work was resumed Monday, and the plant will continue in operation on full time for the next four months at least, to take care of the Tucson extension work alone.

### Commissioners' Meeting

The board of county commissioners met Monday morning to hold the regular quarterly meeting, but on account of the absence of Commissioner Sanders, several matters were carried over. The board remained in session until Wednesday afternoon, but on account of heavy business the proceedings will not be ready to be published in this issue of THE NEWS.

Another meeting is scheduled for next Monday, when it is hoped to have a full meeting of the board.

There will be an entertainment given at the Baptist church on the evening of Friday, April twelfth. The entertainment will be given under the management of the Ladies' Aid, the program to consist of readings, dialogues, pantomimes, drills, etc. An admission of ten cents will be charged.

Alfred Walters, brother of Clyde Walters of the U. S. Reclamation Service, is spending a few days in Las Cruces visiting his brother. Mr. Walters is a resident of Alamogordo, N. M.—Las Cruces Democrat.

The Saturday Evening Post's new serial deals with the newspaper game. It is a great story, not of fiction, but based upon the facts of one newspaper man's career. The story will run through five issues.

Born Monday to Mrs. Lee Jones, a girl weighing eight pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are now residents of Sacaton, Arizona, but Mrs. Jones has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. M. Abbott.

The Alamo Furniture Co. has a choice collection of standard works of fiction. New stock for customers to select from. Lowest prices commensurate with class and quality.

It appears now to be a certainty that Mr. Taft will be the nominee of the G. O. P. What he will receive later at the hands of the G. A. P. remains to be seen.

### Committee Appointed

L. R. Hughes, president of the Alamogordo Business Men's and Retailers' Association, has appointed the following committee to make the arrangements and solicit the funds necessary to entertain the National Tours party: J. R. Gilbert, O. E. Mitchell, G. J. Wolfinger, G. F. Rousseau.

J. J. Sanders, commissioner from district No. 2, is at Santa Fe this week attending the Good Roads Convention. He was appointed by the governor as a delegate to represent Otero county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McNary and Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown of El Paso were here Monday in Mr. McNary's Winton Six, returning from a visit to the McNary summer home at Mountain Park.

The local order of Beavers announces a dance to be given on the evening of Saturday, April 20. It will be one of the biggest and best that the order ever has given.

Have you been awakened lately by the music of the serenaders? Louis Hill's reorganized orchestra is showing remarkable improvement in work.

Prof. J. M. Helm of Mountain Park was here Saturday to attend the last regular meeting of the Otero County Teachers' Association.

Frank Polak, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, has returned to his desk, after a short vacation spent on the Bemis ranch.

Judge E. L. Medler returned last week for a hearing on several cases. Court was adjourned Friday night.

Mrs. J. E. Macklin of the Powers motion picture players leaves today for New York.

Mrs. Oscar Shinsfield of Cloudcroft has been here this week visiting Mrs. J. H. McRae.

Scott B. Williams of Cloudcroft was here Monday, enroute to El Paso on a business trip.

### Four New Senators Take Oath of Office

The four new senators, representing the new states, were sworn in at 2:10 p. m., Tuesday. Senators Catron and Ashurst drew the terms ending in 1917. Senator Smith the term ending in 1915, and Senator Fall the short term ending in 1913.

This places upon New Mexico the necessity of electing a senator for the full term. It is possible, however, that the election may not be held at this session of the legislature. Mr. Andrews and some others already have declared in the race.

### Why the Pictures are Good

Visitors in Alamogordo have expressed surprise that this town should have such a good motion picture show. Bob Woodworth's idea is that Alamogordo will support a good show as long as it will support any show. As long as the New Alamo remains under his management the pictures will be kept up to the present high standard.

The W. O. T. U. met in regular session with Mrs. Ackley Tuesday March 26. Matters of the day were pleasantly discussed and a recently published letter from Mr. and Mrs. Stokes who lately lectured in Alamogordo was read to the Union by Dr. Hullett. The meeting closed with the beautiful W. O. T. U. benediction to meet again with Mrs. Ackley Tuesday April 9 8:30 p. m.

M. L. Morgan left this morning for Oscura and other points. Selling groceries is what he is doing.

### Municipal Elections all Over New Mexico

This week has been one of elections for the incorporated towns. There have been reform tickets, good government tickets, stand pat tickets, whiskey tickets and prohibition tickets.

Roswell, which has been "dry" for some years, elected a "wet" ticket.

Albuquerque, which is normally republican, elected a democratic ticket.

### Presbyterian Sock Social Gets the Crowd

The sock social given at the Beavers' hall last Thursday evening by the ladies of the Presbyterian church was a pronounced success. The big hall was filled with an audience that was very appreciative. All the numbers were good and elicited hearty applause.

The Friday Literary Circle met last week at the home of Mrs. Jos. Smith. An interesting business session was held during which it was unanimously voted to affiliate with the New Mexico state federation of clubs. A special study period will be observed Friday April 5, at the home of Mrs. Tipton at 8 p. m. A good attendance is desired. Mrs. Johnson will entertain the club at its next regular meeting April 12, at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Wheeler left today for Luna, where the pumping station will be painted.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy M. Riley leave today for southern California, where they will spend the spring and summer.